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MCGILL LAUNCHES PROGRAMME FOR CORPORATE MANAGERS

by Jacquie Jordan

When the doors of the Samuel Bronfman building open this June to welcome managers from around the world, McGill's Faculty of Management will have successfully implemented a programme that may become the order of the day for the university under the guidance of Principal Shapiro.

Entitled the International Master's Programme for Practising Managers, the project to be launched mid-March is a joint venture with four other universities in Western Europe and Asia. The goal is to prepare already-working managers with a globally-encompassing management education split between the universities. Participants must have a minimum of eight years experience as managers and full corporate sponsorship. The tuition fee for the sixteen month programme is \$30 000 per student, of which McGill will receive one fifth.

The hasty implementation of the programme has raised

some concerns, especially regarding the fact that no infrastructure is currently in place to govern how privately funded programmes will fit into the McGill landscape.

At a Senate meeting in early February, Lisa Grushcow, SSMU's VP University Affairs, proposed that the programme's approval be contingent upon certain guidelines. These included an assurance that the programme will be accessible through the provision of scholarships and that extra money generated will be reinvested in the university.

She also wanted safeguards to ensure that professors will not flock to such privately funded ventures, leaving "undergraduate students in public programmes [where] they won't use their best professors."

Grushcow's proposal was defeated, likely because the administration felt pressure since the other partner universities had already approved the programme. Supporters of

the programme cite the prestige that it will bring to the university, and the confirmed enrollment of students for the upcoming session. They assert that there are guarantees that the programme will not cost McGill a cent.

"I think guarantees are good," said Grushcow, "but not the sort of thing we should operate on when we've got a debt of tens of millions of dollars."

Vice-Principal Bill Chan suggested that guidelines for this venture are not feasible because of its specialised nature. "We cannot implement anything without discussion with our partners," he explained.

When asked about these financial guarantees, Chan stated, "We cannot predict whether or not it will be successful unless we try."

This endeavour is the brainchild of Professor Henry Mintzberg, who serves as the Director of the International Executive Institute.

Professor Mintzberg asserted that guidelines cannot be worked out until after the

programme is in place. "We can't do it that way. We've got to try it and see what works," he suggested. He considers the need for a policy to be in place before the programme starts to be "a perfectly bureaucratic point of view, and ironically it's usually the administrators who are accused of this."

With the realisation of this project so close on the horizon, one cannot help but wonder if it sets a precedent for McGill.

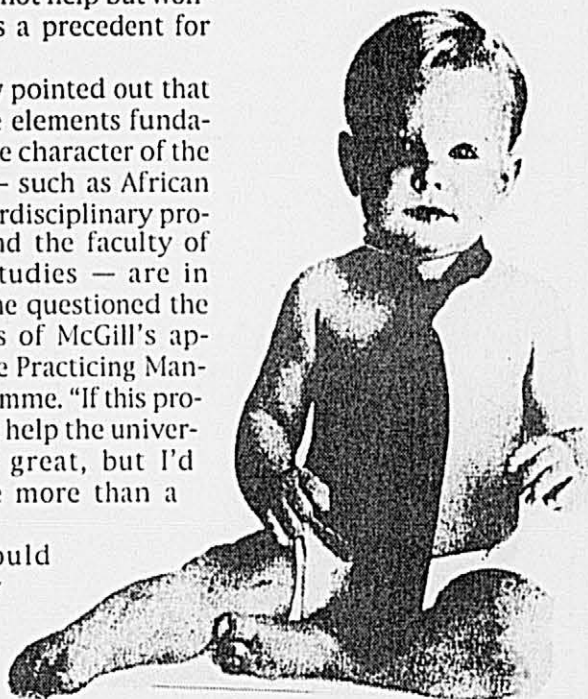
Grushcow pointed out that many of the elements fundamental to the character of the university — such as African Studies, interdisciplinary programmes and the faculty of Religious Studies — are in jeopardy. She questioned the implications of McGill's approval of the Practising Managers programme. "If this programme will help the university, that's great, but I'd rather have more than a guarantee."

Chan could not say whether this was the trend

of things to come, however, stating only, "It is something that we've been looking for — a projection of McGill into the international arena."

So is this after all a small step towards Principal Shapiro's "New McGill"? "You'll have to ask him, not me," replied Mintzberg.

Shapiro was unavailable for comment.



Hungry for education

Aboriginal hunger strikers demand to have promises fulfilled

by M-J Milloy

With their right to education under threat, eight aboriginal students at the University of Victoria are approaching their 18th day of a hunger strike.

On February 16, the strikers erected tents in the student union building of the University of Victoria to start a diet of herbal tea, juice and coffee.

"We want to be assured that the federal budget, expected next week, will include an increase in support for aboriginal students," asserted Penny Katzel, one of the striking students.

The hunger strike was trig-

gered by memo from the federal government suggesting that the level of funds for aboriginal education would be frozen at current levels in the upcoming budget.

Coming in the context of a projected increase in tuition fees and cost of living, the freeze would further erode the accessibility of education for aboriginal students.

"280 aboriginal students won't be able to afford spaces at the university," according to Mansell Griffin, another striking student.

IT'S A RIGHT

Accessibility aside, the strike is about protecting the inherent rights of aboriginal people guaranteed in the Canadian Constitution.

"Indian people have a right to education. This right has to be recognised by the federal and provincial governments if this issue is to be resolved," said Jenny Blaikinship, a representative of the BC Union of Indian Chiefs (BCUIC). Both the BCUIC and the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) are supporting the strikers.

"Our education is there in

the constitution," Katzel reiterated.

She maintained that funding for education is a "down payment for lands taken during the colonisation of our nations."

The government's responsibility for aboriginal education — called a 'fiduciary duty' — was first recognised in the Royal Proclamation of 1763. It was subsequently reaffirmed in individual treaties made with First Nations, as well as the Constitution in 1982.

In exchange for large portions of their territory, First Nations negotiated 'treaty

rights' with the Canadian government — including freedom from taxation and free education.

But the federal government has been silent on this responsibility. And many find it unacceptable that Federal Minister of Indian Affairs Ron Irwin has yet to respond to the student demands for discussion.

"They [the government] have a legal responsibility and we are not going to let them water down our inherent rights and titles to the land," said Renée Schilling, aboriginal issues representative for the CFS.

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International Women's Week at McGill

Films...

Monday March 4th

- Sisters in the Struggle
- A Company of Strangers

Tuesday March 5th

- A Vision in the Darkness
- Kanehsatake: 270 years of Resistance

Wednesday March 6th

- Long Time Comin'
- Forbidden Love

Each night's series of films starts at 7:30pm in Thompson House (3650 McTavish between Dr. Penfield and Pine).

Tentative Events...

Panel discussion on women of colour and education. Saturday March 9th.

Discussion on gender, citizenship and the nation-state in the Middle-East, with Dr. Nahla Abdo. Saturday March 16th.

Reflections on the Beijing Conference, with McGill student Soriya Hassenali and other conference participants.

Discussion about where the Third World debt comes from and how it affects women.

Call McGill Women's Union for more details, at 398-6823.

Friday March 1

Screening of the film New View New Eyes, discussion with director Gitanjali to follow. The film is a poetic meditation on the filmmaker's voyage through India. *Please call 398-6823 for time and place.*

Monday March 4th

Discussion with Susan Sabadin, from Refugee Action. Recently, she became the first woman in Canada to be granted refugee status on the grounds of domestic violence. *12:30-2pm, in room 425 of the Shatner Building (3480 McTavish).*

Tuesday March 5th

Creative Career Development: What happens after graduation? How to find meaningful employment that reflects your values. Information on women-oriented employment resources. *3-5pm, room 302 of the Shatner Building.*

Wednesday March 6th

Women's Self-defense workshop, featuring a demonstration by ACTION. Bring comfortable clothing and a pillow. *4-7pm, in the Ballroom of the Shatner Building. Call 398-6823 to register.*

Jewish Women's Circle Coffeehouse.

8pm at Hillel House (3460 Stanley), all women welcome.

Thursday March 7th

Coffeehouse featuring women's music, poetry and prose.

Open-mike for women to share their own works or the works of others. Join in the friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

Starting at 7pm, in the first floor café of Thompson House (3650 McTavish between Dr. Penfield and Pine).

Friday March 8th is International Women's Day

2nd annual SSMU all-candidates debate addressing women's concerns. Come to hear your future representatives' views. *12:30, in the Shatner Cafeteria.*

Training sessions for new Women's Union Staffers

will be held Mon. March 11, 4:30 pm Room 423 Shatner Building.

During the Week...

- Come and see our tables across campus to find out more about women's groups on campus.
- Raffle tickets on sale, proceeds will go to the Sexual Assault Centre of McGill Students' Society. Prizes offered by Frencos, Le Mélange magique, Coles Bookstore, Le Stage and others.

Thanks to everyone for helping organize these events: McGill Women's Union, Shakti Women of Colour Collective, Sexual Assault Centre of McGill Students' Society, Post-Graduate Students' Society, and all the women who helped with organization.

All events are open to both women and men unless otherwise specified.

hyde park

The Nisga'a land settlement in B.C. and the Royal Commission on Aboriginal People's recent report recommending separate Aboriginal legal systems should be lauded as creative and constructive. After a long history of neglect, these proposals provide frameworks for accommodating Aboriginal communities in a just manner. It is thus with dismay that I read of the disdainful arguments forwarded by the Reform Party, and by Gordon Gibson in the *Globe and Mail* (Feb. 20, 1996).

In general, the proposals have been denounced for two reasons. Critics object to "racially based" governments and legal systems on the grounds that these violate equality. Secondly, they claim that separate legal and gov-

ernmental institutions subvert national unity rather than furthering it. These objections, however, miss the real issues.

Aboriginal self-government involves cultural differentiation, no "racial segregation." The high rates of mixed marriages between Aboriginals and other Canadians and the traditional practice of adopting new members into native communities, dispel the notion that race is at play.

That said, Aboriginals have distinct cultural approaches to law and order. Our system has not worked for them; indeed they have continually lost out in the name of "equality." They possess the tools and traditions to respond effectively to local issues. In settling land claims and in recognising their inherent governing and legal

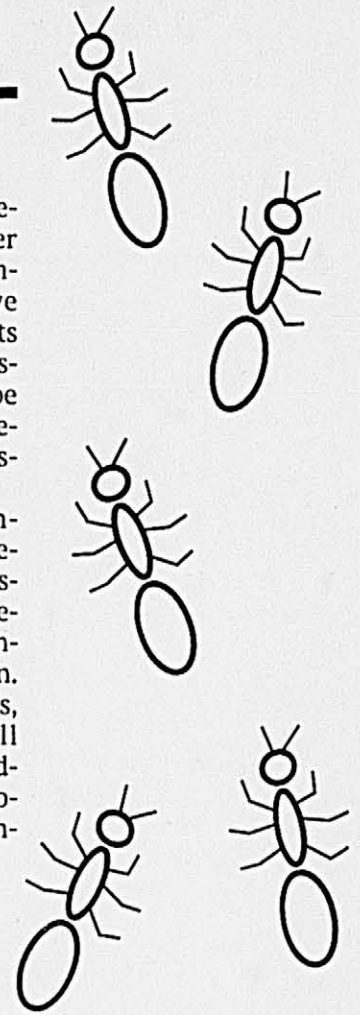
powers, Canada is recognising that alternate institutions provide Aboriginals with a means of living with dignity, which we all deserve equally.

The belief that land settlements and parallel legal systems will endanger national unity is misplaced, because it misreads the Aboriginal project and the nature of a federation. The modern treaty process is based on negotiated, consensual agreements whose endpoint is not independent statehood, but more equitable power sharing. For most native communities, self government is a means to rework the foundation so as to strengthen the overarching relationship. Legal and governing powers are appropriate for Aboriginal communities which, unlike other minorities,

signed treaties so as to preserve their way of life. Rather than insisting on underpinning universal values, we should recognise that conflicts will be overcome by recognising differences, which can be incorporated into a more responsive and respected system.

I congratulate those involved in the Nisga'a settlement and the Royal Commission for their attempt to reconstruct relations in a principled and thoughtful fashion. Far from dividing Aboriginals, these proposals will strengthen the Canadian federation by ensuring that Aboriginal participation is meaningful.

Kristen Boon,
MA, Political Science.



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The Kashmir situation To the Daily,

"Bharat N.C. Patel, PhD 2" has proved his worth as a propagandist and a racist. He has cleverly disguised anti-Muslim, anti-Catholic views with a guise of intelligence. However, there are some fundamental truths that Patel has yet to reconcile.

Firstly, Kashmir is occupied by India. And the real terrorists in the region are the Indian Security Forces. They are ones who have raped, tortured, killed, and terrorised the population. If Mr. Patel has any questions about this he should perhaps read the Indian press, which is full of accounts of the operations of the Indian Security Forces.

Secondly, Patel should understand that no attack was ever made by any letter or article in the *Daily*, on Hinduism. Attacks were made on the conduct of the Indian Security Forces, on the Indian occupation of Kashmir and on his assertions about the nature of Muslims, Muslim societies and Muslim freedom fighters.

Thirdly, other readers of the *Daily* should realise that in the article pertaining to Kashmir, one of the main points presented by Khalid Hasa was the demilitarisation of the region and respect for human rights. What opposition do Mr. Patel and other letter writers to the *Daily* have to demilitarisation of Kashmir and respect for human rights in the region?

Fourthly, Mr. Patel has based his arguments more on his assumptions about the writers of the article in question than anything else. I

would like to know what other "anti-Hindu, anti-Indian vitriol" Ahmer Qadeer has spewed. I would also like to know why Mr. Patel has chosen to attack St. Francis Xavier? Is it perhaps a veiled attempt at deriding Mr. Mathias' religion? This would not be out of line for the type of inane and immature argument we have been advocated from, one Mr. "Bharat N.C. Patel, PhD.2".

Michelle Goothnilayakam
Science U2

TAs call for justice To the Daily,

Some clarification to the article about the TA strike vote (February 26).

The "overall picture of the faculties" actually reveals that salaries vary from \$7/hour in some Engineering and Science departments to \$21/hour in Arts. Five years ago, Arts TAs were responsible for 50 students — nowadays the number of paid hours is often over 100! This increased ratio comes with no increase in the number of paid hours, and means that TAs are forced to undertake a massive amount of unpaid overtime to ensure that the quality of education provided to undergraduates remains high. This has a significant effect on the time spent with each student and has a very negative impact on their own research.

The issue of vacation pay is very simple — all employees are required by law to pay at least 4 per cent vacation pay. The vast majority of departments have (allegedly) not been complying with this ba-

sic employee right. Complaints have been made to the Commission des Normes du Travail in an effort to rectify this. Departments are now claiming that they have been paying vacation pay all along — effectively leading to a 3.3% cut in salary.

Graduate faculty regulations limit full-time graduate students to 12 hours of work per week — yet many TAs are being forced to work in excess of 20 hours/week since McGill is cutting back the number of TAs being employed. These TAs receive no overtime for their extra hours and do not have the option of refusing to do it if they expect to ever receive another TAskip.

AGSEM will continue to negotiate with McGill — our members have given a clear mandate for strike action — it is up to McGill to decide whether a strike will be necessary.

Hugh Potter
Co-ordinator
AGSEM- McGill's TA union

A worthy cause undermined To the Daily,

I am writing in response to the article that you printed on Monday, February 26 regarding the current student initiative to cease business with any corporation investments in Burma, most notably PepsiCo.

The author, Roberta Laucke, directly misquoted student organisers of the campaign to the extent of inventing entire sentences. In particular, I cite, "People are being killed... The Students' Society is legitimising what's go-

ing on. We realise people are being killed and that is more important than drinking Pepsi." Not only are these sentences badly written, but they were never spoken in the first place: in fact, it appears that they were included only for the sake of provocative sensationalism. Although it was clearly not the author's intent to imply that it is more important to kill than drink Pepsi, her fabricated generalisations detract from the credibility of student organisers and their initiative.

Furthermore, in the very first sentence, the author says that students will be asked in an upcoming referendum if they wish to cease doing business with any company that invests in Burma. In fact, this question has only just been submitted to the Judicial Board for consideration and has not yet been approved for the referendum ballot.

The question of human rights in Burma today is of the utmost seriousness, and its treatment here at McGill is an extremely newsworthy event. I believe firmly in the McGill *Daily's* mandate on campus, and I maintain that the liberal media is an institution crucial to our society's welfare, even at the university level. However, your message should not be conveyed at the expense of well-written, accurate journalism. You are not only discrediting yourself with articles like these, but also doing damage to the perspective you represent.

Tim Edwards,
Political Science U3



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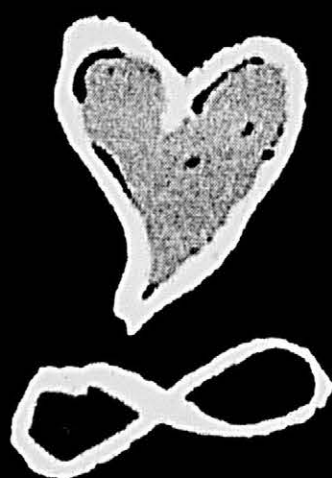
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Fighting for Democracy

Students push for vote on CASA membership

by Roberta Laucke

Ever since McGill's undergraduate Students' Society (SSMU) voted to join the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) last year, some of their constituents have been trying to get out.

"Members of the SSMU never consulted [students] when deciding to join CASA. The decision was completely undemocratic," noted Sarah Schmidt, a councillor of the Post Graduate Students' Society (PGSS).

But in less than a week undergrads may finally get their say — if the question on CASA membership ever appears on the spring referendum ballot.

At least 500 students petitioned the Students' Society to add a binding question to the ballot, asking students whether or not they wanted to stay in the troubled organisation.

SSMU President Helena Myers and VP External Andrea Stairs — who doubles as CASA's Québec Regional Coordinator — tried to block the referendum question.

Myers seemed reluctant to respect student wishes on the matter, and pushed for a plebiscite instead of a binding referendum question. Said Myers, Council should not be "legally bound to a student mandate on CASA."

In this atmosphere, the SSMU-appointed Chief Returning Officers (CROs) have also proved reluctant to support the student-initiated referendum question.

After one revision and three separate rulings from the CROs, the student-initiated CASA question has finally made its way to the SSMU Judicial Board. Its ruling on whether the question will appear on the spring ballot is expected today.

CONFUSION OR CORRUPTION?

CROs Joya Balfour and Warren Tranquada rejected the first question as "blatantly biased against CASA," and reversed their acceptance of the revised version, finally ruling it "misleading."

Clubs and Services Rep Chris Carter expressed frustration with all the reversals, but insists that students will get their say.

"We had written up a question that was to be on the ballot but the CROs decided it was

unclear and unfair. Now we have taken this question to the judicial board. If we get approval we'll use it, if not we'll make another one, get 500 signatures and get it on the ballot. Regardless, their will be a CASA question," said Carter.

The revised question claims that "allegations of the misappropriation of funds on the part of the former Interim National Executive Director of CASA [Patrick FitzPatrick] have been turned over to law enforcement officials..."

The statement refers to last January's fiasco, when CASA fired FitzPatrick from his top position and asked Ottawa police to investigate charges regarding a fraudulent cheque for \$225 and a theft of \$2 000.

According to the CROs, CASA's asking the police to investigate charges of fraud and theft does not constitute turning "allegations of misap-

"It would be wrong to pull out of CASA because they have given us so much and they might not survive if we leave now," Stairs continued.

Contended Schmidt, "I think CASA offers no services. They have nothing on campus and do no lobbying," she said, adding that \$17 000 a year is too much to pay for no services.

CAN CASA REPRESENT YOUR NEEDS?

Some students think the Canadian Federation of Students, the other national student organisation, would better represent their needs on all levels of government — especially after their successful coordination of the February 7 National Day of Action.

"We meet with government officials all the time. We raised public awareness to the cuts on February 7 and we stopped the income contingent loan plans from happening last January. We are constantly ensuring and bringing up student issues. CASA does not serve this function," said local CFS executive Brad Lavigne.

But CASA National Director Alex Usher maintained that his organisation also serves student interests.

"We do a lot of the same stuff. We have made serious changes. We made sure that students would be eligible for loans. We were on the Hill everyday for two weeks and took it to the government.... We also got our message to the universities to spend money better if the government can't afford [to subsidise] education."

But Schmidt expressed concern about CASA's complacency regarding shrinking government transfer payments. "CASA expects cuts and structural problems with finances," she said.

She added that the turn-out on February 7 showed that thousands of students across Canada clearly think education is a right which deserves to be subsidised.

Carter maintained that CASA is not adequately addressing students' most pressing concerns, especially in this time of budget cuts and social transformation.

"From the time that we joined CASA we have been trying to get out. But the VP External won't let," Carter concluded.

"The allegations of Pat FitzPatrick of fraud and stealing are serious. He was supposedly stealing from CASA's membership and that is every McGill student. I would encourage McGill students to pull out,"
Sarah Schmidt, PGSS councillor.

propriation of funds... over to law enforcement officials."

Balfour said they rescinded their initial acceptance of the question on the basis that CASA has not yet officially pressed charges against FitzPatrick.

Despite the CROs misgivings, the situation has many students expressing growing concern about putting their needs in CASA's hands.

"The allegations [against] Pat FitzPatrick of fraud and stealing are serious. He was supposedly stealing from CASA's membership and that is every McGill student. I would encourage McGill students to pull out," said Schmidt.

"CASA receives a lot of fees from us and we have yet to see what they have done," Carter agreed. "They did nothing to protest against tuition hikes. They do nothing on student issues," he said.

But Stairs insisted that students should stand behind the organisation. "I do not feel that it would be appropriate to pull out of CASA. We are founding members and we already paid this year and could not get our fees back," she said.

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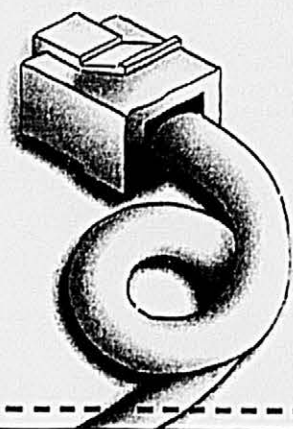
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STANDING UP TO UNCLE SAM

CANADIANS SUPPORT CUBA AGAINST US BLOCKADE

by Anup Grewal

Early Saturday morning, two flotillas of anti-Castro Americans floated into the Florida straits to lay wreaths for the pilots downed in last week's shooting incident. They were closely tailed by a large escort of American naval and air forces — bolstered for the occasion.

The scene closed a week of US posturing, after Cuba downed two Cessna aircraft flown into its airspace by the Miami-based, anti-Castro Brothers to the Rescue.

The ceremony was to show Cuba that the US won't back down on its renewed efforts to isolate the communist government and will maintain its international embargo for its alleged "human rights violations."

But in Montréal, Cuban solidarity groups held their own demonstration on Saturday. They protested the US' stance on Cuba and its efforts to bully the international community to support its blockades.

"We are hopeful that Canada will stay on the side of Cuba," commented Maurizio Guerrardo, one of the coordinators of the Brigade Québec-Cuba.

"Whether Canada is for or against [Fidel Castro's government], it should accept the sovereignty of a country," he continued.

SUPPORTING CUBA

Across the country, other groups are also asking the Canadian government to maintain its ties with Cuba, despite US pressure to join the sanctions.

Cuban support organisations in Vancouver are circulating a national petition asking the Chrétien government not to bow to US muscle-flexing in the UN.

Last Tuesday, American ambassadors got the UN Security Council to support a statement that, after being watered down, "strongly deplores" Cuba for shooting down the two planes.

Canadian Labour Congress President Bob White sent a letter to Canadian Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy in response, imploring him to take a stand.

"The double standard practiced by the United States in continually imposing an embargo against Cuba while it maintains commercial relations with other countries who are violating human rights in an atrocious fashion, must be the subject of international critique."

Here in Montréal, the effort

began about a week before this latest rise in US-Cuban tensions.

The Carrefour Culturel de l'Amitié Québec-Cuba anticipated that the US would take a hardline against Cuba at the 52nd session of the United Na-

Fidel Castro's brutal regime."

Guerrardo said there is no justification for the US' rhetoric. "For the US, human rights are: different political parties, different candidates and the vote. That has nothing to do with human rights.

man rights violation itself because it is causing a lot of difficulty in Cuba."

But with a US presidential election in the works, this latest incident may be an opportune way for the anti-Castro lobby to re-invoke a hardline

on Cuba — a line many Cuban exiles in the US feel has been slipping.

Last year, President Clinton and Castro agreed to an immigration policy allowing Cubans with family in the US to enter the country more easily.

This reduced the necessity of "rescuing" Cubans supposedly trapped in Castro land, and undermined the position of groups like Brothers to the Rescue.

The anti-Castro lobby has been further weakened by the growing desire in the American business community to trade with Cuba.

Guerrardo thus sees the Brothers to the Rescue latest incursion into Cuban airspace as an "utter provocation" to put Castro back into a bad light.



tions Commission of Human Rights which convenes this week. It circulated a petition to L.H. Legault, Canadian Representative to the commission, last week.

"We... are appealing to you to take into account public opinion at home as well as a growing world public opinion which are demanding the rejection of the US accusing Cuba of violations of human rights," reads the petition.

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

In light of the recent plane shooting, however, countries maintaining ties with Cuba face mounting pressure from the US — which is determined to penalise anyone who sides with Cuba.

A controversial bill introduced by Republican Senators Jesse Helms and Dan Burton last year, to effectively isolate Cuba and its trading partners, has gained new momentum.

The bill would allow any foreign company trading or investing in Cuba to be sued in US courts, and would mandate the US government to turn away any employees of these companies.

Helms pontificated that the shooting down of the planes by Cuba is an "act of terror," which "is a searing indictment of the European and Canadian policies of engagement with

Human rights are things like education for all, that all have something to eat," he said.

Added Guerrardo, "a blockade by the US on Cuba is a hu-

Ontario on strike

by Hypatia Francis and Zachary Schwartz

Mike Harris is not a popular man right now. In the past two months, public support for Ontario's Conservative Party has dropped by roughly 20 per cent.

Last week in Hamilton, Ontario, at least 100 000 people protested the Ontario Premier's budget cuts. Among the peaceful demonstrators were nurses, women's groups, labour groups, social welfare groups and church leaders.

Timed to coincide with the City of Hamilton's hosting of the annual Conservative Party convention, the mass action demonstration sent a clear message of the extent of the impact Harris' cuts are already proving to have. A similar strike was held in London, Ontario in December.

The strikes are a widespread response to Mike Harris' slashing of social programmes, hospital and post-

secondary education funding. Aaron Vegh at the *Silhouette*, McMaster university's student newspaper, pointed out that the demonstration was unique in that it protested a government's entire policy, not just a specific issue.

Although McMaster students did not lend their voice to the mass demonstration — it occurred during reading week — their faculty's concerns were vocalised in a quieter manner.

Professor William Smyth, a representative of McMaster University, was granted a seat at the round table discussion with the Tories. "There has been an absence of long-term thinking about university funding," commented Smyth. "They [the government] seem to be in a big hurry."

The Harris government has responded to past demonstra-

CANADA NOT TO BE BULLIED

Guerrardo admitted that it may be difficult now to garner support for Cuba at this week's UN Commission on Human Rights.

"More than 75 per cent of the media coverage [on the Cuba-US issue] is from the US which says that the Cubans are criminals. People may believe them, so it may be harder."

But Canada looks like it may take a stand against US bullying.

The business sector is likely to keep its ties with Cuba, and Chrétien's meeting with members of the Caribbean community in Guyana this week may yield a joint declaration against the position of the US.

Foreign Minister Axworthy said, "We are making a number of representations to a wide variety of countries... [to get] a broad-based consensus to indicate to the Americans that this is not acceptable."

Demonstrations will continue throughout the week. On Wednesday, the Cuba solidarity groups in Montréal will gather at the International Civil Aviation Organisation, which has been mandated by the UN Security Council to investigate the shooting incident.

tions, at the Ontario legislature, violently, in a manner Ontarians have never witnessed.

As a result, mass mobilisation is occurring across the province to an extent reminiscent of the 1930s, according to many community activists.

"We're building a movement," said Judy Darcy, president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees. "This is unstoppable."

Many activists are hoping that similar strikes may occur across the country in response to the massive cutbacks happening not only at provincial levels but also federal ones. If this were to happen, Canada may prove to be following the lead of France, where unions across the country joined in a general strike to protest the French government's similar "balance the budget" drive.

REORGANISATION OR DETERIORATION?

By Andrea Mason

New community orientation of health care faces many challenges

Major restructuring of the Québec health care system is already underway, but the resources needed to pave the way for a smooth transition are not yet in place.

The restructuring is part of provincial health minister Jean Rochon's plan to move towards increased ambulatory care. This will mean one-day surgery, shorter hospital stays, early discharge and acute post-operative work being done in the home. A number of services which have been the responsibility of hospitals in the past will be shifted under the jurisdiction of CLSCs (Québec's community health centres).

According to Luc Leblanc, communications agent for the Coalition montréalaise pour la défense des services sociaux et de santé, Montréal hospitals will sustain a net loss of \$190 million and the money will not be returned to any sector of the health care system. "It is not true that more services will be provided for less money," asserted Leblanc.

The recent changes have created anxiety among patients and their families. According to Nicole Moir of the Fédération de l'Age D'Or du Québec, a Montréal-based senior citizen's group, people are concerned that the necessary support will not be there after they have been discharged from hospital. "People are scared that the home care system won't work, they're scared that the money won't be there and they're scared about shorter stays in the hospital," said Moir.

Arthur Sandborne, spokesperson for a coalition of community groups and unions concerned with the health reforms, affirmed that these are

legitimate fears. "The transformation involves people taking care of themselves at home — everything from administering chemotherapy to taking out stitches. People don't learn how to do these things in school," declared Sandborne.

And it is often difficult for health care workers to offer much reassurance to patients in the face of imminent cuts and restructuring.

"Health care workers are insecure about the changes. It's hard to tell patients not to worry when they don't believe the changes can be made successfully themselves," commented Sandborne.

These concerns arise out of a more general worry about cuts to health care funding at all levels. "Everything put together equals severe anxiety for patients," said Moir.

CLSCS TRY TO BEAT THE CLOCK

But home- and community-based health care does have the potential to function effectively. According to Laurie Gottlieb, Director of Nursing at McGill, people often do better when cared for at home and many do not require lengthy hospital stays. She believes in a need to reconceptualise health care with an emphasis on illness prevention, health promotion and increased collaboration between health care professionals, patients and their families. "There is a need to bridge hospital and home services. The problem with the old system was the lack of a liaison between hospital and home," she asserted.

Gottlieb sees the changes as

a chance for health care professionals, including doctors, nurses, psychologists and social workers, to work together to deliver more comprehensive health care. "There will be a collaboration of disciplines rather than the existing hierarchical structure," predicted Gottlieb.

Moir, however, questions the ability of the CLSCs to fill this gap. "The CLSCs are in turmoil as they try to reorient, and adjust their services. There doesn't seem to be a rational plan," she said.

The essential problem is not

mations. They're reorganising, not downsizing, and you need money to reorganise. But they [the Montréal Regional Health Board] are cutting five to six per cent of their health care budget. It's not going to work. The government is trying to make a 20 year transformation of the way we deal with health care in 18 months. The whole thing is going to fall apart," he predicted.

Leblanc also criticised how rapidly the changes are being made. He cited the five Montréal hospitals which closed recently in the face of massive protests. "Doctors were gone before the hospitals had even closed. There wasn't enough time to adjust to the changes," he said.

For Gottlieb, Rochon's plan to dismantle the present hospital structure presents a significant challenge because "health care us-

ers have been socialised to use the hospital as the major entry point into the system, for everything from sore throats to panic attacks."

And while many such problems can be dealt with at the CLSCs, Gottlieb believes that it takes a generation to learn how to use the health care system in a new way.

"This is a paradigm shift in the way we administer health care in Québec," she declared.

WHERE WILL THE BURDEN FALL?

In the past, the responsibility

of caring for the ill fell to family members, who were assisted by a support network of extended family and community structures. After the medicalisation of health care in the 1930s, Canadians came to depend on hospitals for all types of medical care. Now, the responsibility is shifting back to communities and families, who are often ill-equipped to handle the demands of caring for sick relatives themselves.

Frequently, this burden of responsibility falls on the shoulders of women. "As soon as the hospital finds out that the patient has a wife at home, he is discharged. The hospital immediately assumes that she will be able to care for her husband without checking to see if she has time or is capable," commented Sandborne.

As people find themselves floundering in a disorganised public health care system the privatisation of services seems unavoidable to some.

"When there is a need, people look for solutions," declared Gottlieb. "Privatisation is inevitable if the government doesn't move quickly."

Moir was in agreement as she commented that "the health care system may become two-tiered — one for the rich and one for the poor. The question is, 'Will they be equally good?'"

According to Leblanc, the privatisation scenario could easily be avoided. He asserted that "the government is capable of paying for adequate health care. They're just not looking hard enough for the resources." Leblanc suggested the fair taxation of big business as an effective way for the government to raise the necessary funds.



CLSCs face challenge to give adequate service

the direction of Rochon's changes, but the manner in which they are being implemented. Many in Montréal's health care sector believe Rochon's plan, *Virage Ambulatoire*, exhibits a lack of careful planning and adequate funding on the part of the government.

"The cuts will cause problems, not the ideas themselves. The changes could work with enough money and planning," said Leblanc.

Sandborne echoed this sentiment. "There isn't enough money to make the transfor-

2. STREET CHILDREN'S RIGHTS ABUSED BY THE GUATEMALAN NATIONAL POLICE

Guatemala's National Police force has been one of the largest culprits in over 60 cases of human rights violations against street children during 1995, according to a report released on January 21 by the organisation Casa Alianza. These violations include beatings, illegal arrests, murders, and seven cases of disappearances.

In its annual report, Casa Alianza presented over 250 unresolved cases of human rights violations. Bruce Harris, Latin America director of Casa Alianza, said of the human rights cases "not one has been resolved by the supposed sys-

tem of justice... We are very disappointed that the government of ex-president Ramiro de Leon didn't fulfill its many promises to work in favor of street children and that the reigning violence and impunity has been worsened."

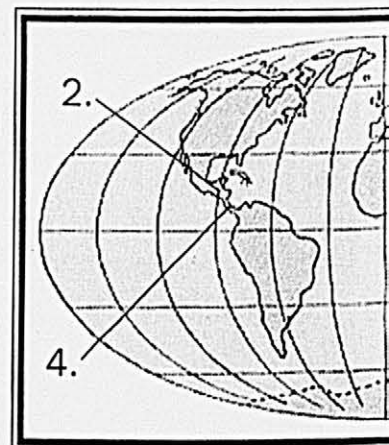
Casa Alianza is a humanitarian organisation that gives shelter and refuge to over 300 street children in Guatemala and Antigua.

-source: Cerigua Weekly Briefs, alt.activism.progressive

3. CAMPAIGN OF OPPRESSION BY THE AL-KHALIFA REGIME IN BAHRAIN

With the Al-Khalifa regime silencing its opposition, over 2 000 arrests have been made in Bahrain during the past few

months. According to the Bahrain Freedom Movement, "any person who delivered a speech



or a sermon during the past months has been detained and taken to unknown locations. Many prisons are now full of



1. BANGLADESHI STUDENTS SUBJECTED TO UNPROVOKED POLICE RAID

Students in Bangladesh were victims of an early morning police raid. Police and the armed forces have been zealous in their drive to collect arms to put a dent into anti-government groups in Bang-

ladesh.

The pre-meditated raid on two student residences was allegedly due to their support for the Awami League, the major opposition party.

Students were brutally beaten and their property stolen or broken. The officers also fired on students, according to Shahicul Alam, an eye witness of the raid.

Six students were taken to the hospital in critical condition. Their current status is unknown. 15 more were taken to the hospital and reported missing, while 95 students were arrested during the raid. Teachers have demanded the release of the students, many by resigned in protest.

-source: alt.activism.progressive

Not keeping up the bargain

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The result of the Federal government's disregard for aboriginal student's guaranteed rights to education is that less aboriginal students are in universities and colleges, and more are being forced to assume a higher portion of the cost of their education themselves.

In B.C., the shortfall between aboriginal needs and federal funding is over \$7 million in the last seven years, according to Jean Karlinski, the author of *Making the case for more funding*, a CFS research paper on aboriginal education.

This funding gap comes out of changes in the way Ottawa distributes funds for aboriginal students going to College or University.

"In the last 20 years, funding was moved from a demand driven system to a fixed funding system with distribution of funds based on provincial aboriginal population," explained Karlinski.

Previously, all aboriginal students accepted into post-secondary education were funded by the federal government. However, as costs for the federal government are rising because more aboriginal students are attending university — and more people are being considered 'aboriginal' after the passage of Bill C-31 — the policy has changed.

The government now classifies aboriginal students into four categories based on their position in school. Graduate students, at the top of the list are given top priority for funds, while mature students are at the bottom of the list.

In other words, aboriginal students now have to jump two hurdles in order to attend university. Beyond being accepted at a university, they also have to compete for gov-

ernment funds.

And in 1994, the federal Liberal government placed a cap on funds available to aboriginal students through government programmes. It also froze the amount of money to be given to each student to support tuition and expenses.

What this has meant is that the holes in the system "are so big that you can drive a mack truck through them,"

The government's responsibility for aboriginal education — called a 'fiduciary duty' — was first recognised in the Royal Proclamation of 1763. It was subsequently reaffirmed in individual treaties made with First Nations, as well as the Constitution in 1982.

said James Wassaykeesic, an aboriginal student at Trent University in Ontario.

At the University of Victoria, for example, the government only provides \$2 000 for tuition for an undergraduate education — when tuition costs have risen to \$2 554 since 1989, according to Karlinski's report.

The situation for a student at the BC Institute of Technology is even worse. The government provides only \$2 200 for tuition and books; leaving a student to make up almost \$2 233 on their own.

"Despite its fiduciary responsibility for providing education for First Nations people, the federal government's policies reflect steadily declining support for First Nations' access to post-secondary education," wrote Karlinski.

RED BOOK OF EMPTY PROMISES

The federal government's proposal to freeze funding for next year could not have come at a worse moment — not only for aboriginal students across

Canada, but for the increasingly strained relationship between the federal government and many First Nations.

For Royce Wilson, Manitoba vice-chief for the AFN, the Liberal failure to adequately address the concerns of aboriginal students is yet another example of promises unfulfilled.

"When we take a look at the Red Book [of Liberal promises in the last election campaign],

we see a lot of commitments to First Nations. But nothing has come to light."

During the last federal campaign, the Liberals made a number of promises to aboriginal peoples, in the hope of "renewing the partnership" between aboriginal and non-aboriginal Canadians.

Not only did Chrétien's party promise to produce a policy on self-government, they also pledged invigorated financial support for aboriginal health, housing and education programmes.

Most importantly, the government promised meaningful dialogue between First Nations and the government on issues of importance to First Nations leaders and communities.

The post-election performance of the Liberals, though, has left many First Nations leaders spectacularly unimpressed.

According to Wilson, even though the Liberals did deliver the promised policy on implementing the inherent right to self-government, "this policy has been condemned by First

Nations across the country."

He believes that the Liberal promises on health and education have been side-tracked by the over-arching desire to reduce the federal deficit by slashing government programmes.

"The promises that deal with financial resources are in the hands of the Minister of Finance and the Treasury Board who have determined how much each government department will get," said Wilson.

"They are not upholding their fiduciary duty towards the First Nations," he concluded.

"The fiduciary duty has been expressed in [Canada's] courts as a trust obligation to the First Nations. But they don't even listen to their own courts."

A RIPPLE EFFECT OF NEGATIVITY

The federal government's lack of commitment to aboriginal education is also causing increasing social problems in First Nations communities across Canada.

"We've got a long list of students in Manitoba who are

"Indian people have a right to education. This right has to be recognised by the federal and provincial governments if this issue is to be resolved."

Jenny Blaikinship, BC Union of Indian Chie

waiting in their home communities for funding so that they can go to school," according to Wilson.

He believes the number in Manitoba is over 10 000 and

increasing every year.

"It has a very negative effect in many communities. It has an economic and social effect because there is so very little economic development in our communities. We can't keep up with the growing numbers," caused by less funding for education.

The students exacerbate the growing shortage of housing in many First Nations communities. As well, they are a drain on already overextended health and recreational services.

The funding cuts "couldn't come at a worse time," Wassaykeesic commented.

"There are more people in these communities who want to be educated," he said. "They want to make their communities better places by getting more educated people in them."

"If they don't have a chance to participate, things in these communities are never going to change," he maintained.

Wassaykeesic also believes that the real cost of cuts to education funding will become more obvious as time goes on.

"There is going to be a price to all of this... more social problems in our communities."

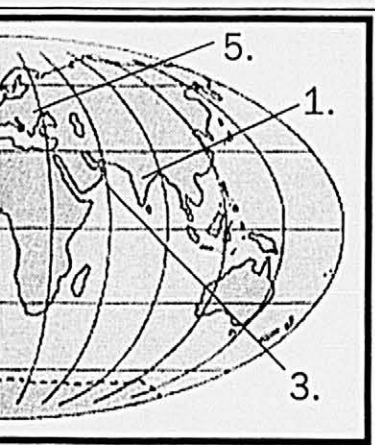
Although he believes it is unfortunate that the Victoria University students have to resort to a hunger strike to make their demands clear, Wassaykeesic supports their actions.

"They are justified; they have a right to be concerned about their future. They're not just talking about themselves, but for the generation that will follow and the one after that."

with files from the Martlet, University of Victoria

innocent people picked-up randomly from the streets."

Sheikh Abdul Amir Al-



a mosque where he was leading prayers. The people inside were brutally attacked and the mosque was pillaged.

The Al-Khalifa regime justifies these oppressive measures by citing popular uprising caused by Iran. The Bahraini opposition, however, states that it advocates human and civil rights by restoring the dissolved parliament of 1975 through peaceful, independent, and popular measures.

-source: IGC News Desk, alt.activism.progressive

4. EL SALVADOREAN UNION WORKERS PROTEST PRIVITISATION

Public sector workers in El Salvador have waged a highly visible campaign against the gov-

ernment's move to downsize. Following a March on January 4, members of a union at the Ministry of Public Works held a sit-in and hunger strike in the Metropolitan Cathedral.

The campaign was intended to protest the elimination of 15 000 jobs outlined in the government's 1996 budget. This move has targeted jobs that have been occupied by organised workers and trade union members in an effort to move toward privatisation. Specifically, the protesters demanded that the government reinstate 1 000 workers and review the elimination of 551 other jobs.

The sit-in targeted the Cathedral under renovations in preparation for a visit by Pope John Paul II. Protesters hoped

to prompt the government to get repairs on schedule for the early February visit.

To keep the demonstration peaceful, protesters evacuated the building after nine days. Marina de Aviles, a human rights advocate, stressed that the move on the part of the union was to show that they were willing to be flexible, and hopes that the government will follow suit.

-source: Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador

5. NUCLEAR REACTOR ACCIDENT IN BULGARIA

On January 31, an accident at an experimental plutonium reactor in Dimitrovgrad released a tonne of radioactive

steam into the atmosphere. According to the engineer that operates the reactor, Research Institute of Atomic Reactors (NIAR), reported that there were no victims even though radioactivity levels were 20 times higher than normal, according to "Echo Moskvy," a broadcast station.

The heads of the government environmental protection committees went to the accident site and concluded that the accident was much more serious than engineers reported.

-source: Anti-Nuclear Campaign at Socio-Ecological Union

Jamri, one of the country's leading opposition figures, has been one target for attack. On January 23, riot police raided

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McGill's Voice in Québec

To the Daily,

Vote YES to a CFS-Québec fee levy

PGSS's referendum period is coming up. Graduate students will be asked to establish a Canadian Federation of Students-Québec levy of \$3.05 per member, per semester (\$1.70 for additional session

students). I strongly urge you to vote YES. Here's why.

With our national membership dues, the CFS has given PGSS a strong and effective presence with the federal government in Ottawa. In the last six years, the CFS has forced the federal government to drop its plan to apply the Goods and Services Tax to tuition fees, successfully convinced it to scrap the 3% administrative tax placed on all Canada Student Loans, successfully lobbied it to increase

the weekly loan limit for Canada Student Loan recipients, and forced the federal government to halt the implementation of the Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plan, a funding mechanism which would result in massive tuition fee hikes and student debt.

We need as strong and as effective a presence in Québec City. The PQ government wants to cut millions of dollars from education, to be offset by tuition fee increases. The PGSS has no voice at the

provincial level. The Fédération Etudiante Universitaire du Québec (FEUQ) cannot speak for McGill graduate students. FEUQ is a staunchly sovereigntist organisation and accepts uncritically the PQ government's agenda. Graduate students at McGill have no other option but to make our own CFS-Québec stronger by establishing a provincial levy. The levy would be used for research, campaigns, membership development, translation

and to ensure that graduate programs in Québec are adequately and fairly funded. If you want to help fight for a system of post-secondary education that is accessible to everyone, then vote yes to the CFS-Québec levy for a stronger CFS-Québec.

Sarah Schmidt
Member, External Affairs
Committee,
local 79 Canadian Federation of Students



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Crowne Plaza gives workers dirty deal

by Wayne Hiltz

Union still fighting after two years

On December 24, 1993, 180 hotel workers were preparing to celebrate the holidays when they heard the terrible news.

The downtown Crowne Plaza Hotel's new management company, which had just taken over, told them their services were no longer needed.

"It's a hell of a bloody feeling," said John Brieden, 61, who served for 14 years in housecleaning. "You go home on Christmas Eve to tell your wife that you've got no more job."

When the former management company, Rosdev, declared bankruptcy two weeks before, the workers were as-

sured that they would keep their jobs and working conditions once the new management took over.

But the downtown hotel located at 420 Sherbrooke West never shut down despite the bankruptcy.

Chantal Deschamps, a chambermaid and then-president of the Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN) local representing the hotel workers, recalled that replacements were already arranged even before the original staffers were out.

The bankruptcy not only left the workers out on the street without severance, va-

cation, or sick days pay, totaling \$230 000, it also allowed the hotel to bust the union, and rid itself of \$3.5 million in owed taxes and debts to suppliers.

For Deschamps, the whole thing reeks of a facade by the hotel's managers, present and past.

"I have absolutely no doubt that it's a phony bankruptcy," Deschamps said.

The fact is that the building in which the hotel is located, is still owned by Michael Rosenberg, director of Rosdev, the second largest real estate company in Québec.

Furthermore, the company managing Rosdev's bankruptcy shares the same business address, while the new manager of Crowne Plaza had previous business connections to Rosenberg.

"Even though we don't always have proof, we're sure that [bankruptcy is declared] specifically in some circumstances to get rid of the union and a good collective agreement," FTQ lawyer Gaston Nadeau.

But Rosdev refuses to take any responsibility for the workers now.

"Mr. Rosenberg says that only the [hotel's] walls belong to him, not the insides," explained Deschamps.

But she can't help but wonder why — if Rosenberg has no links with the previous workers — he met with the CSN in March 1994 to try to work out a back-to-work settlement?

LOOPHOLES IN THE LABOUR CODE

The story of the Crowne Plaza workers has as much to do with relations between the hotel and its workers, as with the discrepancies in the existing Québec Labour Code.

Section 45 of the Labour Code states that a new employer is bound by the collective agreement of the certified union already employed on the premises.

The exception to this legal obligation is a business transfer by 'judicial sale' that is usually ordered by a court af-

ter a bankruptcy.

It is this exception to the rule that some employers are using in order to break unions and get rid of debts. With bankruptcies increasing dramatically in recent years, the number of "questionable"

ments to Section 45 are one solution but added that other options must also be considered.

While the fight over Section 45 has been pushed to the forefront of the CSN's political agenda, the ex-employees of the downtown Crowne Plaza brought the fight to the streets two years and have been picketing ever since.

They are demanding not only that their jobs be given back, with the benefits they had before, but also that get back their union's certification.

Deschamps pointed out that Rosenberg may have believed that the workers, many of whom are over

50 years old, would only kick up a fuss for a few weeks.

But two years later, half a dozen former workers are still taking turns picketing in front of the hotel for five days each week, handing out flyers to hotel guests and passersby.

Crowne Plaza picketers also greet passengers coming out of Dorval Airport, handing them fliers and asking them not to go to the hotel during their stay in Montréal.

Meanwhile, the CSN continues to pressure both the government and the hotel.

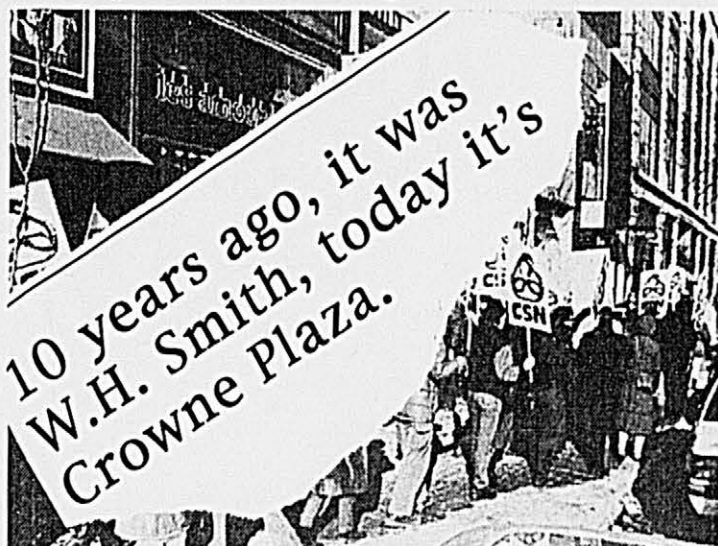
The CSN is appealing the Québec Labour Tribunal's recent decision not to uphold the hotel union's certification. They also want Rosenberg's company (109454 Canada Inc.), not the management company, to be recognised as the responsible party for that certification.

And last June, the CSN started a boycott campaign against the Crowne Plaza that has so far received the support of over 2 000 unions in Canada, the United States, and Europe.

"To fill the hotel, they've had to lower room rentals to motel rates," Deschamps said.

Having become a cause célèbre within the union movement, the Crowne Plaza fight has taken on a larger significance for workers' rights.

"We're fighting for not only our own jobs and benefits," Deschamps said, "but also to change Section 45 so that other workers don't find themselves in the same situation."



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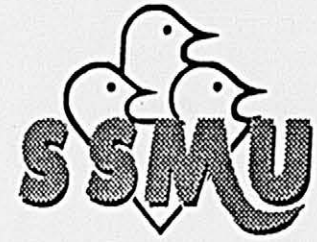
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SSMU REFERENDUM QUESTIONS



The following questions will appear on the ballot during the spring SSMU referendum, to be held March 13-15, 1996 with an advance poll held on March 7, 1996.

McGill Nightline

Whereas the McGill Nightline is facing closure due to the cessation of funding by the McGill Alma Mater Fund at the end of the current academic year;

Do you agree to pay the McGill Nightline a fee of 25 cents per semester to be collected by the SSMU, with the understanding that opting-out of the fee is possible, and that if more than 50% of the members of SSMU opt-out, then funding will cease.

1. Yes
2. No

SSMU Library Improvement Fund

Whereas students consider libraries one of the priorities in their education;

Whereas the SSMU Library Improvement Fund will supplement resources normally provided by the University;

Do you agree to pay \$10 per semester as a full-time undergraduate student (\$5.00 per semester as a Part-Time Undergraduate student) in accordance with SSMU by-laws Section 3, Article 6 to an SSMU Library Improvement Fund to be collected by the SSMU with the understanding that opting out is possible?

1. Yes
2. No

Burma

Whereas the United Nations, Amnesty International, and Human Right Watch Asia have documented widespread abuses such as rape, torture, murder and forcible relocation in Burma, and;

Whereas Levi-Strauss, Eddie Bauer, Macy's, Liz Claiborne, Amoco, and Petro-Canada have pulled out of Burma, and as Levi-Strauss representatives have said, it is impossible to do business in Burma "without directly supporting the military government and its pervasive violations of human rights," and;

Whereas the Students' Society of McGill University and McGill University previously joined an effective international boycott of corporations doing business in South Africa; and

Do you mandate the Students' Society of McGill to officially, publicly, and repeatedly condemn and petition corporations, including financial institutions, and their corporate umbrellas to withdraw from the Union of Myanmar (Burma)?

1. Yes
2. No

Creation of The Committee For Financial Ethics Research

To ensure that the Students' Society of McGill University is equipped to act in a socially responsible manner, do you mandate the Society to amend its constitution as proposed in the attached document?

1. Yes
2. No

Proposal for Amendments to the SSMU Constitution and By-Laws

All amendments are in bold type

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE

2.5 The Students' Society of McGill University is committed to demonstrating leadership in matters of human rights, social justice and environmental protection and understands the direct and indirect effects corporations and businesses have on their social, political, economic, and environmental surroundings.

ARTICLE 7 - COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

7.1 The following shall be added to the list of standing committees:

- The Committee for Financial Ethics Research

The terms of reference of these committees, except for the executive and the Committee for Financial Ethics Research, shall be inscribed in the By-Laws of this Constitution.

SECTION II - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 8 - THE COMMITTEE

8.2 The Executive Committee shall have all the powers of the Council between meetings of the Council except that it shall not:

- enter the Society into any financial arrangement with any organization autonomous of the Society, prior to receiving recommendations from the Committee for Financial Ethics Research.

SECTION IIA - THE COMMITTEE FOR FINANCIAL ETHICS RESEARCH

ARTICLE 8A - THE COMMITTEE

8A.1 There shall be a body of the Society called the Committee for Financial Ethics Research.

8A.2 The duties of the Committee shall be:

- To review all contracts and financial agreements before they are signed by the society
- To research the business ethics of corporations who do business or will do business with the society according to the context of article 2.5 in the present constitution.
- To inform the student body of their findings.

8A.3 The Committee shall submit for ratification to each regular meeting of Council a report of all matters upon which it has acted since the previous Council meeting.

8A.4 The Committee shall be composed of the following individuals:

- The Vice-President Finance
- Two (2) members of Council of which a minimum of one (1) shall be a Clubs Representative.
- Four (4) Financial Ethics Research Advisors elected in accordance with this Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE 14 - TERMS OF OFFICE

14.1 All elected officers, councillors, student representatives, and Financial Ethics Research Advisors hold office from...

BY-LAWS

BY-LAW I - ELECTORAL AND REFERENDA REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 2 - GENERAL ELECTIONS

2.1 Nominations for executive officers, student Senators, the undergraduate representative to the Board of Governors, and the Financial Ethics Research Advisors shall be opened for...

2.4 Nominations must be signed by the number of members of the Society as follows:

- seventy-five (75) for nominations for the undergraduate representative to the Board of Governors and the Financial Ethics Research Advisors...

CASA Plebiscite

The following plebiscite will appear on the ballot: Whereas the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) is a national student organization.

Whereas the SSMU Council is now seeking a mandate from the student body on whether SSMU should be a member of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations.

Do you as a student at McGill University, mandate the Students' Society of McGill (SSMU) to be a member of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)?

1. Yes
2. No

Additional Questions on Ballot

In addition to the above plebiscite and referendum questions, voters in the SSMU Spring Election and Referendum will be asked to complete a short survey from SSMU and a short survey from QPIRG. Please also be advised that the placing of two additional student initiated referendum questions on the ballot are pending a ruling from the SSMU Judicial Board.

Any questions about the referendum or election may be directed to the Chief Returning Officers at 398- 8222.

LEGAL CHANGES URGED FOR FIRST NATIONS

Report finds discrimination in
justice system
by Samer Muscati

OTTAWA (CUP) — Aboriginal nations within Canada should have the right to create and administer their own laws, according to a new royal commission report released on February 23.

The report concludes that aboriginals are over-represented in the courts and prisons across Canada. They are also more likely to be denied bail and twice as likely to end up in prison than other Canadians.

Currently, 13 per cent of the inmates in federal penitentiaries are aboriginal people even though they represent less than 5 per cent of the Canadian population.

"The over-representation of aboriginal people in [Canada's] court systems and prisons casts a long shadow over Canada's claim to be a just society," states the report.

"The Canadian criminal justice system has failed the Aboriginal people," it concludes.

The commission recommends that an aboriginal justice system be created, including a separate Criminal Code, court system and penalties.

The report also points out that the high levels of aboriginal crime are linked to the experiences of colonialism, which have "systematically undermined the social, cultural and economic foundations of Aboriginal

peoples, including their distinctive forms of justice."

The commission says that the current European-style justice system emphasises punishment, and does not work for aboriginal people. A separate system would ensure a more holistic approach, as aboriginal societies focus on healing and working with the offender in the context of the community.

"Aboriginal conceptions of justice must be understood as part of the fabric of social and political life rather than as a distinct, formal legal process," says the report.

William Badcock, a legal councillor with the Aboriginal justice directorate — a division of the federal justice department — says that the government is committed to considering justice alternatives for aboriginal peoples.

The \$18 million directorate runs pilot projects in native communities, and has initiated programs such as healing circles and sentencing circle projects.

"[The report] is in the process of being reviewed," said Badcock. "We're already on track with many of the recommendations."

The \$58 million Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples was established in 1991, and is expected to submit its final report to the federal government later this year.

SSMU does its job

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Building)



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3 Looneys After

LOONEY NIGHT
MADNESS IN THE BALLROOM

Maintained Zakhour, the poster was just a good marketing tool. But if a "good marketing tool" must degrade women to sell an event, it seems most students want no part of it. ●

Over the vehement protests of Management Rep. Marianne Zakhour, Council passed the following motion with a clear majority last Thursday night:

"Whereas Article 2.3 of the SSMU Constitution states that all society endeavours shall be undertaken with full respect for human dignity and without discrimination on the basis of, but not limited to, gender, age, race, ethnic or national origin, religion, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability, language or social class.

Be it resolved that all posters advertising the Management Undergraduate Society's leap year bash be removed from the Shatner Building immediately by the SSMU porters.

Be it further resolved that the posters not be used during tomorrow night's activity.

Be it further resolved that the Students' Society VP University Affairs and President write a letter to the Management Undergraduate Society diplomatically expressing their reasons for the decision."

PCB polluted Irving Whale still underwater

ENVIRONMENTALISTS DISAGREE ABOUT HOW TO REMOVE IT AFTER 25 YEARS

by Kate Maloney

Dubbed "the time bomb" by environmental groups, the Irving Whale is a potential environmental disaster waiting to happen. For the past 25 years, the ship wreck has remained at the bottom of the Gulf of the St. Lawrence river. Now, with last year's discovery that PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) exist in the barge, controversies have erupted which have delayed its removal even further.

The barge, formerly owned by the Irving Oil Co., sank while carrying 4 200 tons of oil on September 7, 1970 — 60 km northeast of North Point, P.E.I. and west of the Magdalen Islands. The sinkage resulted in the loss of 1 000 tons of PCB-contaminated oil which was washed up onto the shores of the Islands.

Before the discovery of the PCBs, the government had planned to remove the wreck in a single, or two-point, power lift. According to Daniel Green, co-president of the Société pour

Vaincre la Pollution (SVP) and opponent of the plan, if spillage of the PCB-contaminated fuel oil occurred during the lift, "There would be an uncontrollable loss of containment... the PCBs would be lost with no possibility of recovery."

But Vincent Jarry of Environment Canada sees the lifting of the barge as the best method. "The original plan was the safest [method] for the diver," adding that "it is simple, takes less time, and the stress on the barge is under the critical level."

Greenpeace Québec and the SVP on the other hand believe that because there is a great risk of a spill occurring, other possibilities should be considered.

Although the government recognised that oil would be lost from the lift — gathering all available oil-skimming equipment in preparation for a large spill — the predicted size of the spill was not made clear to the public, probably in an attempt to assuage fears of another en-

vironmental disaster.

Matthew Bramley of Greenpeace Québec said that if PCBs were released, they would cause a decline in certain species of marine mammals, such as the beluga whale, and would destroy the snow crab fishery.

On June 23 of last year, weeks before the government plan was to be implemented, Irving Oil announced that the barge contained 8 000 kg of PCBs before the sinkage. Shortly after, an injunction soon filed by the SVP terminated the plan.

The amount of PCB material remaining in the Irving Whale and the proper method to remove the barge are still uncertain. Controversy regarding the proper method has revolved primarily around two possible methods.

One is the original two-point power lift which continues to be supported by Environment Canada. The other method, proposed by such groups as Greenpeace and the SVP, is to

pump the oil out of the barge before lifting it.

Two independent consultant firms and three external scientific experts have been hired by the federal government to investigate the issues. But Greenpeace Québec predicts that the government will choose the least expensive method of removal — which may not necessarily be the safest.

The financing of the operations is also an important question. The government has already spent much of the \$12 million allotted to the plan on preparing for the lift operation, leaving no additional funding for the management of a full-scale spill of the oil and PCBs.

PCBs are one of twelve persistent organic pollutants (POPs). POPs are synthetic materials which evaporate easily into the atmosphere, strongly resist degradation, and are fat-soluble.

PCPs are relatively insoluble in and heavier than sea water. Once the PCBs are lost, they are

virtually unrecoverable from the ocean floor as current technology is not sufficiently advanced enough. Aroclor 1242, the PCB material in the Irving Whale, was used in the heating system to keep the Bunker C oil — the kind of heavy oil used — in a liquid state during transit.

Although Greenpeace Québec and Environment Canada strongly disagree as to the appropriate method of removing the Irving Whale, each group believes that a significant amount of time was spent by the government as well as the public ignoring the wreck's existence. Bramley stated that "No one in the position of power gave a damn." According to Jarry, it was simply the case of when "you don't see something, you don't care about it."

Whether an agreement between the opposing groups will ever be reached is uncertain, but some time around March 11, the data gathered by the consultant firms and scientific experts is expected to be released.

EventsEventsEventsEventsEventsEventsEventsEventsEventsEvents

MONDAY, MARCH 4

• McGill Hong Kong Dragon Students' Association Book Fair from March 4 to March 8 on ground floor Leacock, daily from 9h to 16h. Featuring Chinese novels, non-fiction, essays and English books concerning Chinese culture.

• AMI Quebec (Alliance for the Mentally Ill) offering an

Evening Support Group for families, spouses, siblings and adult children of the mentally ill. 19h30, 4333 Cote Ste. Catherine Road. 486-1448.

• McGill Committee for International Women's Week film festival. Thomson House, 3650 McTavish. *Sisters in the Struggle* will be followed by *A Company of Strangers*

starting at 17h30.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

• McGill Committee for International Women's Week *A Vision in the Dark* followed by *Kanehsatake 270 Years of Resistance*. Thomson House, 19h30.

• Barstool Prophets and Atomic Folk play The Caba-

ret, 2111 St. Laurent, \$7.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

• McGill Committee for International Women's Week *A Long Time Comin'* followed by *Forbidden Love*. 4th floor Thomson House, 19h30.

• Professor Michael Mann from the Department of Sociol-

ogy, UCLA speaks on "Facists". Leacock 26, 17h30.

• Scrivener Launch Party, refreshments. Arts Council Room, 17h.

• Students for Social Responsibility guest speaker Reed Cooper from OPIRG Carleton: human rights in Burma and the evils of Pepsi. Leacock 232, 16h30.

PGSS ELECTIONS 1996

candidates

PRESIDENT



CARLSON, Linda

Experience:
- My involvement with the PGSS for the past three years includes my current term as VP University Affairs, two previous years as council rep.

Goals:
- I am committed to promoting Graduate Students' rights and representation throughout the University Community.

- I will assure competent management of the PGSS and Thomson House.
I am dedicated to the PGSS; enthusiastic, experienced and reliable.



TARGETT, Stephen

I have a proven record fighting for graduate student rights on campus and fighting the cuts to post-secondary education.

Re-elect a president with the leadership experience and the commitment to fiscal responsibility to effectively manage the Post-Graduate Students' Society.

Re-elect Stephen Targett, President.

V.P. UNIVERSITY



KHAN, Saad

My focus is you, the student, as an individual. I will promote student involvement in decision making on curriculum and administrative committees, awareness of current events, create inter-faculty and inter-departmental programs, oppose fee hikes and gain employment and sponsorships for McGill graduates by the industrial sector. I have experience as a SSMU club commissioner and V.P. Internal McGill cricket club. So get involved - vote Saad Khan for V.P. University Affairs.



KRUZYNSKI, Anna

My main goal, as Vice-President, University Affairs, is to ensure that graduate students are involved at every level of the negotiations and decision making on the future of McGill. Other important issues include: 1) the need to change the requirements for the M.A./Ph.D. programs given the recent changes in time limitations; 2) increasing allocations for library holdings; and 3) supervisor evaluations.

V.P. FINANCE



IQTIDAR, Humeira

With extensive experience in fund raising and administration, a finance concentration in MBA and unlimited enthusiasm, I feel confident of my ability to contribute effectively to the PGSS in the post of VP Finance. Today, when budgets are being cut for almost all institutions, I feel that the solution lies in creative strategies and not in cutting back on essential services.



KAMELA, Martin

I would like to enact changes to streamline the PGSS administrative and business structures. These changes are especially needed now, when the PGSS is suffering financial constraints. It is my belief that an essential part of the solution to our fiscal woes lies in such a restructuring. I also remain committed to a no-deficit policy.

V.P. EXTERNAL



RUNIONS, Erin

I have been an active member of PGSS council. Since November 1995, I have filled the position of VP-External Affairs. As VP-External, I will inform society members of issues of concern (eg. new governmental policies on education), propose and facilitate PGSS' actions of protest, lobby provincial and national governments as called for by the society and the Canadian Federation of Students, and represent PGSS in Canada and Quebec.

V.P. INTERNAL

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BOULAKIA, Charles

Experience with PGSS includes Biochemistry representative, Internal Affairs Committee (where I picked this year's movies and updated infoMcGill), and Newsletter Coordinator. Position means 'guy who's in charge of TH', and I want beer specials and more events (and Friday Night Dancing). Hey - I'm acclaimed, so approve me (there's no one else running!)

V.P. ADMINISTRATION



SIDDIQUI, Sadaf

A masters student in Civil Engineering, I am running for the position of VP-Admin. and would like to get involved in student politics. I have participated actively in student life at McGill during my undergraduate studies, as the Co-Editor of the Engineering Yearbook for two years and VP Finance of the Student of the Canadian Society of Engineers.

SENATOR (PHD)

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ROONEY, Neil

BOARD OF GOVERNORS



ROSHUCK, Alex

I hope to be of service to graduate students by protecting their rights, and making sure that our point of view can be heard. Without reminders that McGill is a public trust which should be administered with the legitimate interests of the students in mind we, as students, will suffer.

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URGENT MEETING
Tuesday March 5, 1996
4:30 pm
Union Room B-09
RSVP

PGSS Fee Increase Referendum

YOUR SOCIETY CAN'T SUPPORT YOU WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!

The Post Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) asks you to endorse a Society fee increase, the first in seven years. This fee increase is part of an overall plan that includes a commitment to decreasing administrative inefficiency and to balanced budgeting. This plan will help us overcome the fiscal problems of the past several years which were due, in part, to:

- increasing inflation with no corresponding fee increases
- reduced beverage consumption
- unionization of Thomson House staff
- and reduced borrowing privileges from McGill.

We feel this fee increase is a small price to pay for continued support of the wide variety of services the PGSS offers, including:

- Use of the Graduate Student centre, Thomson House
- Conference, party and meeting room facilities
- Bar and Restaurant service
- Free weekly movies
- Travel awards program
- Departmental grants program
- The PGSS Handbook
- Summer softball league
- Health and dental insurance
- Representation at the University, Provincial and Federal levels

We encourage you to read your referendum ballot and/or attend one of the scheduled election debates for more detailed information.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT SOCIETY VOTE IN FAVOUR OF THE FEE INCREASE

1996 SSMU Spring Election and Referendum Poll Locations and Hours

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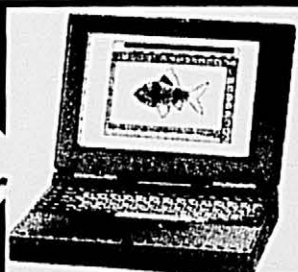
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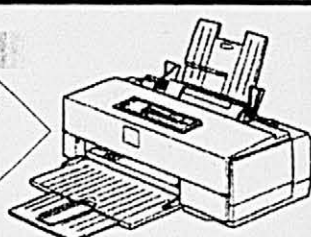
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